

District roundup

COMILLA

Bar executives
 Aug 23: Election of the executive committee of district Bar Association for 1992-93 was held here peacefully on August 13, reports UNB.
 Abdul Motaleb, Abdul Kader Chowdhury and Ramizuddin Ahmed were elected as President and Vice-Presidents respectively.
 Other office bearers are: Treasurer — Mujibur Rahman; Library Secretary — Mahbul Alam; Enrolment Secy — Zahangir Alam; Secretary — Criminal Court Branch — Nurul Islam; Secretary Recreation and Literature — Tahir Alam.
 Members of the Executive Committee are: Syed Md Selim, Mahiuddin Ahmed, Yusuf Sarkar, Tajul Islam, Mosharrif Hussain, Khairul Alam Khan and KM Abdullah.

CHANDPUR

Lightning kills youngman
 Aug 23: Lightning killed a youngman of village Bohoria in Sadar thana of the district last week, reports UNB.
 Family sources said, lightning suddenly struck the victim Jahangir Hossain when he went out to defecate at dead of night.
 Jahangir was a night guard of Bohoria Matsya Khamar and met the tragic end of his life while he was on duty, family sources added.

RAJSHAHI

RU Masters final exams from Dec 27
 Aug 23: Rajshahi University authority has announced the date of final examinations of different disciplines, reports UNB.
 Varsity sources said, MA, M Sc and M Com final examinations of 1989 will commence on December 27 next.
 LLB honours part-1 examinations of 1991 will begin from November 9, LLB honours part-2 of the same session will begin on December 9 and part-3 will begin on December 7.
 LLB final examination of 1990 will commence on November 10, LLB honours part-4 and LLB honours final (old) of 1991 will begin on December 6.

PATUAKHALI

Tree plantation plan taken up
 Aug 23: Patuakhali University College authority has taken up a programme to plant various saplings at the college premises as part of country-wide drive, reports UNB.
 College authority inaugurated the programme recently in presence of a large number of students and teachers amid much enthusiasm.
 Deputy Commissioner Sheikh Md Salahuddin and district Forest Officer Abdul Mukit Khan were also present on the occasion. The DC planted a sapling of Debdaru tree on the southern side of the premises and College Principal AM Azizur Rahman Khan planted a sapling of Rain tree on the north eastern side.
 The principal urged all concerned to take care to protect the planted saplings to make the drive a success.

DINAJPUR

Housewife commits suicide
 Aug 23: A housewife allegedly committed suicide by taking poison in Sadar thana of the district, family sources said, reports UNB.
 The victim Purnabala wife of Shushil Chandra, Paul of Shankarpur village was being tortured by her husband for dowry money for a long time.
 On the fateful day recently when she expressed her inability to bring the dowry money from her poor father Shushil, became furious and tortured her physically.
 At this Purnabala became very much shocked and took pesticides. She was rushed to the Dinajpur General Hospital where she died.
 A case has been filed with the police.

NETRAKONA

15 hurt in road mishap
 Aug 23: At least fifteen persons including one baby were injured in a road accident yesterday at village Narayandia, about ten kms from here on Netrakona-Mymensingh highway, reports BSS.
 Eye witness account said the accident occurred when a Netrakona bound passenger bus from Mymensingh skidded off the road and fell into a roadside crops field. Immediately after the incident local people rushed to the spot and rescued the passengers trapped inside the bus. Later the injured were rushed to Netrakona Sadar hospital where they were being treated, hospital sources said. The driver and helpers of the vehicle fled the scene. Police seized the bus.

JAMALPUR

Sec. 144 imposed to avert possible rival clash
 Aug 23: Section 144 was imposed at Dikpita area of the district yesterday until further instruction to avert possible clash between two rival political groups, reports UNB.
 District BNP and Awami League called separate meetings at Dikpita, 20 km from the town, at the same venue at 3 pm yesterday.
 Meanwhile, some businessmen held a meeting this morning in protest against restriction on renting of mikes to any political parties.
 Sadar thana OC issued a prohibition order to all political parties on August 19 restricting use of mikes for the political purpose.
 District Awami League and Jatiya Party in separate statements demanded withdrawal of the restriction.

BARGUNA

Arms, ammunition recovered: 135 held
 Aug 23: Police arrested 134 people wanted in connection with various cases and recovered some illegal arms and ammunition from five thanas of the district during the last fortnight, reports UNB.
 According to official sources, as part of countrywide special "August '92 operation" the miscreants were nabbed for their involvement in robbery, hijacking, killing and other criminal offences.
 During the period police recovered two pipe guns, one revolver, four rounds ammunition and ten daggers.

JHENIDAH

School boy killed in road accident
 Aug 23: One Abdul Khalid (15), son of Abdul Mannan and a student of class IX of Jhenidah Government Boys High School was killed in a road accident on Wednesday at Chudanga bus stand of Jhenidah town, reports BSS.
 Eye witnesses said the victim on his way back home from school was hit by a Khulna bound truck from Kushtia and run over. The driver escaped. Police seized the truck.
 A case was filed with Jhenidah police station. The body was sent to Jhenidah morgue.

MEHERPUR

Nine held with contraband goods
 Aug 23: Anti-smuggling taskforce recovered contraband goods worth about 4.52 lakh and arrested seven Indian nationals and two Bangladeshis from Anandabash village of Meherpur Sadar on Tuesday, reports UNB.
 Acting on secret information, Meherpur Thana Magistrate and Assistant Police Super with a contingent of police force raided several houses at the village and recovered the contraband items.
 The contraband goods included 36 Indian buffaloes, four cows and Radio sets.
 A case has been filed in this connection.

MADARIPUR

Fish scarcity acute
 Aug 23: Acute scarcity of fish has been prevailing throughout the district for the last two months, reports UNB.
 Pisciculture has been badly affected here due to massive siltation in the river Arialkha and Kumar and in different beels and canals, local leaders said.
 Unplanned use of chemical fertiliser and insecticides in crop fields has also affected fish production in the district.
 Hundreds of fishermen of the district have been facing numerous problems including shortage of fund and price-hike of fishing materials.



MYMENSINGH: District Narcotic and Liquor Department recovered Hashis plant worth about Taka five lakh from village Churky under Kotwali thana of the district recently. — Star photo

PDB recovers Tk 18.82 crore electricity bill in Bogra

From Our Correspondent
 BOGRA, Aug 23: Power Development Board (PDB), Bogra zone has recovered Taka 18 crore 82 lakh from pending electricity bill of Tk 25 crore during the month May and June 1992.
 It may mentioned here, govt has excused all interest of arrear bill if the clients paid up their bill with 20 May '92. Further, this time was extended up to 30 June '92.
 From 1 May to 31 May, 11 crore 32 lakh Taka pending bills were paid up and after extension of date up to 30 June, more 7 crore 50 lakh Taka pending bills were paid up.
 According to PDB sources, rest pending bill are most of the cases government and semi government organisations which yet to be paid.
 Area wise paid up bills were Bogra Sadar Taka 4 crore, Gatali Taka 28 lakh 33 thousand, Sirajganj Taka 1 crore 26 lakh, Belkucki Taka 17 lakh 37 thousand, Sherpur Taka 26 lakh, Jaypurhat Taka 72 lakh 66 thousand, Dupchachia Taka 34 lakh 18 thousand, Noagaon Taka 70 lakh 58 thousand, Mahadevpur Taka 8 lakh 80 thousand, Gaibandha Taka 44 lakh 80 thousand, Bonerpara Taka 13 lakh, Palashbari Taka 16 lakh, Gobindaganj Taka 18 lakh.
 Our Correspondent adds: A month long training course on Garden Nursery Development Technology was held at Rural Development Academy (RDA) training centre recently.
 Among 32 participants 18 were women and rest were male. They all from adjoining areas of Bogra town.
 Closing ceremony was presided by Director General of RDA Dr Ashraf Uddin Ahmed and addressed among others by Director Training Balul Karim, Course Coordinator Zakaria, trainee Saidur Rahman and Shahina Khatun Momota.
 DG, RDA said Garden Nursery Development Technology training will help to women. If they implement the training they will get another earning source by vegetable gardening as well as they will get nutritious food. Women participation is needed in development sector he added.
 Trainee Shahina Khatun Momota said, maximum rural women have no knowledge about Garden and Nursery Development Technology if the rural women have got training in garden development, they will be helpful. She urged DG to take initiative more training for rural women.
 Course Coordinator Zakaria said this is our 5th course. We are trying to accommodate more training course in this subject which will be giving priority to women participation.
 In the closing ceremony certificate distributed to all participant among them: AB Siddique, Muniruzzaman and Parul Begum got 1st, 2nd, 3rd prize respectively.

Some 3.8 lakh acres of land under aman farming

BHOLA, Aug 23: About 3,08,000 acres of land has been brought under aman cultivation in the district during the current season, reports UNB.
 According to Agriculture Extension Department, of the total land, about 75 per cent will be brought under High Yielding Variety and the rest under local variety.
 The department has set up 20 demonstration plots in seven thanas to acquaint the farmers with the modern methods of cultivation.
 Meanwhile, Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation has already distributed seeds, fertilisers, insecticides and other necessary inputs for the successful implementation of the scheme.
 Our Correspondent adds: Fish production in the districts of southern areas of the country is gradually decreasing due to various reasons.
 The reasons include lack of excavation and re-excavation of ponds, unplanned construction of dams and sluice-gates and indiscriminate catching of fish fries with current nets.
 On the otherhand, fish cultivation in these districts of Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Bogura, Jhalakathi has been facing a setback due to lack of proper maintenance of rivers, khals and beels, necessary inputs and siltation of ponds is also a problem.
 Besides, some unscrupulous people defying government ban are catching fish fries with current nets resulting in the decline of fish — some sources said.
 Fishermen of these districts complained that they are facing problems due to lack of fishing materials and non-availability of loans on easy terms. Further, fishermen also alleged that no initiative has so far been taken by the concerned authorities to train them up in scientific pisciculture.
 There are thousands of families who are engaged in fishing occupation in the districts but how many of them have been compelled to give up their ancestral profession because of existing problems in the fishing sector.
 There are so many reasons for declining fish productions in these districts. Most of the canals in the rural areas have got silted which are hampering irrigation as well as fish production.
 According to informed sources, the concerned authorities should come forward with a clear and comprehensive plan and approach of co-operative fish cultivation by the shareholders of the ponds so that they could recover their losses and get incentive.

Cheap, hygienic latrines introduced in Barisal

BARISAL, Aug 23: Introduction of cheap and hygienic latrines in three diarrhoea prone districts have led to a remarkable improvement in the area, official sources said, reports UNB.
 The improved sanitation methods and alternatives were being taught to the residents to protect the people from using contaminated water.
 Digging pitholes and building fences were the cheap sanitation method offered by the field workers against the traditional latrines which directly fall into the water.
 Due to absence of the methods and little access to safe latrines, at least three lakh children and thousand others were attacked by diarrhoeal diseases.



CHANDPUR: The office-building of the Superintendent of Police remains incomplete for years together. — Star photo

Notes from Barisal

From Our Correspondent
 BARISAL, Aug 23: Agriculture Extension Department has undertaken a programme to bring 4.39 lakh acres of land under planted aman cultivation in six thanas of Patuakhali district during this season.
 Six thanas are: Patuakhali Sadar, Dashmina, Bainfal, Galachipa, Mirzaganj and Kalapura.
 Of the total 1.35 lakh acres will be brought under High Yielding Variety while 3.4 lakh acres of land under local variety.
 In this season, about 7.70 lakh metric tons of aman paddy may be produced in the district, it is expected.

Police nab 35 criminals

Thirtyfive criminals were arrested by Barisal police during recently from different places of the district through August Operation '92. Police also recovered a Chinese axe during the time of operation.

PDB snaps 108 illegal electric connections

One hundred eight electric connections have already been snapped by the PDB authority due to non-payment of outstanding electric bills and other reasons in Nalchity thana of Jhalakathi district.
 According to official sources, there are 814 electric connections in the thana area of which 542 connections are domestic, 225 are commercial, 17 are in religious organisations and 30 connections are of industrial sectors.
 More than 4.5 lakh takas are lying as outstanding electric bills with the consumers in the thana.

Special squads formed

Three special squads have been formed headed by the Deputy Commissioner of Police of Khulna city to trace out the murderers of comrade Ratan Sen.
 Meantime, 5 persons were arrested in connection of Ratan Sen murder case.
 Mentionable, comrade Ratan Sen was killed by a group of armed miscreants on 31 July last in broad day light near Khulna stadium.

Bank manager, cashier defalcate Tk 17 lakh

About 17 lakh taka reportedly was defalcated by the manager and the cashier of Sonali Bank, Banarpara branch in the district recently.
 The district anti-corruption department is investigating the matter. NC Biswas of district anti-corruption department has lodged a case with the Banarpara PS in this connection on 29.7.92.

Housewife commits suicide

One Kohinor Begum (30), mother of three children committed suicide by taking insecticide poison in Sibpur Union of Sadar thana under Bhola district recently. She died on way to hospital.
 Police after autopsy returned the deadbody of housewife Kohinor Begum and lodged a UD case in this connection.
 Police said that Kohinor Begum committed suicide following the continuous unrest in her family.

Ammunition, stolen rifle recovered: 4 held

COMILLA, Aug 23: Local police recovered a stolen rifle, 10 rounds of ammunition and arrested four people from the village Chapachho in Chowddagram thana recently, reports UNB.
 The arms and ammunition were stolen from a GRP man at Gunabati station on August 9. A group of miscreants dragged the GRP man from a Chittagong bound express train, "Karnafully" on the day and snatched away his arms and ammunition.
 The local police and the Railway police in a joint drive recovered the rifle with the ammunition on the following day.
 The accused were produced before the thana magistrate court.

Substandard life saving drugs flood markets

From Our Correspondent
 KISHOREGANJ, Aug 23: Substandard life saving drugs have flooded the markets recently.
 It is informed that fungus, flies etc are often found in many drug containers including saline and injection. The intake of these contaminated drugs have endangered the lives of patients.
 The mushroom growth of many drug companies are manufacturing the substandard drugs. A section of physicians is also patronising these substandard medicines, it is informed. Patients complains that the agents of drug companies allure the physicians to prescribe their products by presents.
 Exemplary punishment should be awarded to the manufacturers of substandard medicines, it is widely felt.
 Our Correspondent adds: The sale of note books is going unabated in all the 13 thanas of the district.
 Note books are being sold at the most of bookshops at the district town and thana markets despite government ban on it.
 It may be mentioned here that the government has imposed ban on publishing and selling note books upto class eight. But some unscrupulous traders are publishing substandard note books with fake name and addresses. This note books are full of errors and distortion of facts and it misguide the students.
 Some guardians complained that these note books are being sold at an exorbitant price in different markets of the district.
 The students and guardians have urged the concerned authorities to take necessary steps regarding the matter.

584 tons of wheat allocated for rural uplift

GAIBANDHA, Aug 23: A total of 584 tonnes of wheat was allocated for implementation of different projects under Test Relief Programme (TRP) in seven thanas of Gaibandha district in the current financial year, reports BSS.
 This was said at a meeting of the TRP coordination committee held at the DC's conference room with Education Minister Barrister Jamruddin Sircar in the chair.
 The meeting discussed various matters relating to preparation approval and implementation of these projects in detail. It laid stress on participation of local members of parliament in preparation, approval, monitoring and implementation process of test relief project.
 Mrs Rebeka Mahmood, MP and other concerned officials attended the Rebeka Mahmood, MP and other concerned officials attended the meeting.
 Our Correspondent adds: Abdul Hai Mollah a farmer of village Chifula Chillimpur under Gaibandha thana made a net income of Taka eight thousand.
 He cultivated HYV Guava adjacent to his dwelling house before two years. Till today he sold out produced Guava worth about Taka 80,000/- weighing nearly one and half kilogram each.
 Hat expecting further turnover of about Taka one lakh from his Guava field.
Janmastami observed in Kushtia
 KUSHTIA, Aug 23: Janmastami, the birth anniversary of Sri Krishna, was observed in the district by the Hindu community in a befitting manner, reports BSS.
 A two-day programme was chalked out by the local Gopinathji Mandir to mark the occasion. The programme included a discussion on the life and teachings of Sri Krishna and cultural function.
 A colorful procession was brought out in the town on the occasion.



COMILLA: The blind students of Comilla School for the Blind rendering songs on the occasion of annual meeting of Andha Kallyan Parishad at local town hall recently. — Star photo

Akhaura health complex beset with problems

From Our Correspondent
 BRAHMANBARIA, Aug 23: Akhaura thana health complex of the district has been plagued with manifold problems due to shortage of physicians, consultant of different departments, equipments and medicines.
 It is unable to cater to the minimum requirements of the patients who come from far-flung areas to the hospital for treatment.
 Supply of medicines are inadequate where patients are advised to buy essential medicines from outside. Poor patients are worst sufferers and they can not purchase medicines at exorbitant prices in the open markets. Even gypsona plaster, bandage, saline, gauge etc are not available in the hospital. Medicines of the health complex are sold in the markets by the some corrupted employees, it is alleged.
 There is no dentist in this complex for last one year. In absence of dentist modern equipments worth lakhs of taka are unused. There is also no consultants for ENT at the complex. So, patients coming from far-flung areas for proper treatment go back disappointed for want of consultants and doctors.
 The X-ray machine is also not functioning via-a-vis X-ray films are not available.
 There is no abundance in this hospital. And also there is no separate wards for the infectious diseases like Tetanus and Cholera.
 The health complex needs a surrounding wall. Doctors and other staffs feel insecure as surrounding wall. The link road to the complex is in pitiable condition. This road remains half-done with earth.
 Local people urged that the concerned authorities should look into the problems of the health complex and to take necessary measures.

Police nab 813 persons in three districts

From Our Correspondent
 BARGUNA, Aug 23: Police arrested 134 accused persons and recovered some illegal fire arms and ammunitions from 5 thanas of Barguna district from August 1 to 15.
 As a part of countrywide special operation of police entitled "Operation August '92" commencing August 1 to 15 to seize illegal fire arms and to arrest miscreants involved in robbery, hijacking, smuggling, killing and other criminal offences.
 Our Kishoreganj Correspondent reports: A total of 472 wanted criminals were arrested by the police in Kishoreganj district under Operation August '92, police also recovered 9 pipe guns and 28 rounds of ammunitions from their possessions.
 BSS adds: As many as 307 anti-social elements were rounded up by the police from different areas of Pabna district during the last fortnight from August 1.
 The police also recovered illegal arms including revolvers, and pipe guns.
 The Superintendent of Police of Pabna district told BSS that the arrested persons included mastans, miscreants and wanted criminals. The crime rate in the district has fallen following the launching of the police operation, he added.